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SUBJECT: MEXICAN AGREEMENT

**REF: STATE 233841** 

1. MTN DELEGATION CONCURS ON THE FORMULATION PROPOSED IN PARA 2 REFTEL WITH THE FOLLIWING QUALIFICATIONS.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES SHOULD BE INFORMED: (A) THAT ALTHOUGH MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING HAVE BEEN SIGNED IN GENEVA, THE AGREEMENT IS STILL SUBJECT FOR FORMAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL; AND TECHNICAL REVIEW AND PREPARATION; (B) THAT A DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED; AND (C) THAT NO DETAILS FROM THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REVEALED PUBLICALLY SINCE PREMATURE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COULD CAUSE THE AGREEMENT TO BECOME UNSTUCK.

2. MTN QUESTIONS WHICH IS BETTER METHOD OF COMMUNICATION FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF LEAKS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNCLASSIFIED MAILGRAM OR TELEPHONE. DECISON SHOULD BE MADE BY THOSE IN CHARGE OF PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATIONS.

3. TRADE ACT SECTION 135(E)(I) REQUIRES THAT ACTN,
PACS, AND AFFECTED SECTOR COMMITTEES MEET "AT CONCLUSION
OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR EACH TRADE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO
UNDER THIS ACT." REASONABLE READING OF THIS REQUIREMENTIS THAT IT AS-

SUMES(1) THAT THE PARTICULAR NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONCLUDED, AND (2) THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO, I.E. SIGNED. ACCORDINGLY THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT ADVISORY COMMITTEES FORMALLY REPORT ON MEXICAN AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FORMAL SIGNING OF IT. TRADE ACT DOES NOT ADDRESS DIRECTLY QUESTION OF WHETHER ADVISORY COMMITTEES MUST REPORT PRIOR TO PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION IMPLEMENTING A TRADE AGREEMENT. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, BECAUSE IMPLEMENTING PROCLAMATION IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE JANUARY, IT WOULD BE MUCH SOUNDER LEGALLY, AND SEEMS DESIRABLE AS POLICY MATTER, (CONSIDERING THAT THIS IS FIRST TRADE ACT AGREEMENT) FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES' TO REPORT AFTER SIGNING AND BEFORE PROCLAMATION. THIS SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, NECESSARILY BIND US TO FOLLOW THE SAME PRACTICE ON FUTURE AGREEMENTS IN EVENT THAT TIME PREIOD BETWEEN SIGNATURE AND PROCLAMATION IS FOR ANY REASON REQUIRED TO BE MUCH SHORTER.

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